

Minutes from a Meeting of the Concordia Council on Student Life Held on Friday, 17 September 1993 at 12 noon in Room 771, Hall Building, SGW Campus.

Present: Dr. D.L. Boisvert, Chair; Mr. B.T. Counihan; Mr. H. Zarins; Dr. S.M. Graub; Ms. A. Kerby; Ms. N. Torbit; Mr. V. Pavlicik, Ms. L. Grimes; Mr. P. Dalton; Mr. A. Ghaemi; Ms. J. Davis; Mr. K. Lowther; Ms. J. Chegrinec, Secretary.

Absent: Mr. R. Côté; Dr. B. Litner; Mr. A. Switzer; Undergraduate Representatives (3).

1. Approval of Agenda:

On a motion by Ms. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Zarins, the agenda for the meeting was approved.

2. Remarks from the Chair:

Dr. Boisvert mentioned the Student Services' Goals and Objectives document for 1993-96 which was included with the documents. Dr. Boisvert also formally introduced and welcomed Mr. Zarins as Director of Recreation and Athletics. He further emphasized the importance of Council as a forum for the discussion of issues related to the quality of student life.

3. Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Ms. Torbit, seconded by Mr. Lowther, with a vote of 7 yeas, 0 nays, and 4 abstentions, the minutes of 14 May 1993 were approved as distributed.

4. Business Arising from Minutes:

Annual Review Process: Mr. Counihan briefly outlined the mandate and progress of this committee, and requested additional undergraduate representatives. Mr. Ghaemi agreed to table a slate of undergraduate names to fill a number of openings on various Council sub-committees.

Human Development Model: Dr. Boisvert summarized the document by saying that it was the philosophical basis for everything done in Student Services. As it is perceived as being the fundamental document, it was felt that it was critical to have the input of the new members of Council. It was agreed that this document will be tabled at the next meeting for in-depth discussion.

Year-end, Fiscal 1992/93: Dr. Boisvert distributed the document Student

Services Budget 1992-93, and pointed out that in the Student Services' budget the overall bottom-line is the item of major concern. In 1992-93 it was a breakeven budget. Dr. Boisvert then opened the floor for questions and the Directors affected responded to questions about overages in their own areas. Ms. Chegrinec will provide a breakdown of the CCSL Transfer Fund for 1992-93 for the next Council meeting.

Task Force on Lesbian and Gay Life: A report will be tabled at the October meeting.

Task Force on Child Care Issues: A report will be tabled at the October meeting.

Charter of Student Rights: No further developments have occurred in this committee since the May 14, 1993 Council meeting. Mr. Counihan reported that he anticipated a report to be tabled in late fall.

Para-Academic Credit: A report will be tabled at the November meeting.

5. Appointments to Planning and Resources Committee

Dr. Boisvert explained that this committee is the only standing committee of Council, and he reviewed its mandate. Ms. Torbit, Director, Health Services will be Co-Chair for 1993-94 with Mr. Zarins, Director, Recreation & Athletics as the second Director. The undergraduate students nominated Mr. Ghaemi as their Co-Chair. The remaining undergraduate students and the graduate student representative will be named at the next meeting.

6. Items of Information

- Ms. Kerby requested an undergraduate representative on the Occupational Health and Safety Committee;
- various upcoming University and non-University events were highlighted.

7. Student Life Issues

The following issues were raised:

- parking on the SGW campus;
- cafeteria food;
- bookstore prices;
- smoking policy implementation;
- bicycle parking.

It was agreed that Ms. S. Maynes, Assistant to the Vice-Rector, Services will be invited to the next Council meeting to address these concerns.

Other issues were:

- Financial Aid Line-Ups (this was addressed in the report from Mr. Côté);
- Alcohol Policy (Dr. Boisvert will follow-up and report to Council);
- Student representatives on departmental committees (CUSA is presently conducting an audit, which it will table at Council and request that Council make recommendations to Senate on minimum standards);
- Standard Course Outline (Ms. Kerby will table a proposal seeking Council's recommendation on this issue to Senate).

8. New Business

None at this time.

9. Reports from Directors

Mr. Côté had provided Dr. Boisvert with a written report on Financial Aid & Awards which was distributed. This report addressed concerns about the length of the line-ups that have been experienced by students.

The Directors informed members of the increases in workload associated with the startup of the academic year. Each department has been involved heavily in Orientation. Ms. Torbit is working with Dr. Graub, Ms. Kerby and the Faculties in regard to students requesting exemptions from academic work due to health reasons. Ms. Grimes asked about the possibility of introducing a student plan for supplemental health care.

Ms. Kerby stated that legal information is now being provided on the Loyola Campus by supervised McGill law students, 24 hours per week. Dr. Graub informed Council that Phase 2 of Students in Academic Jeopardy project, in collaboration with the academic sector, is underway.

Mr. Counihan's area has been heavily involved in organizing Orientation '93 which was reported to be a success. As well the Dean of Students Office has been actively involved in numerous activities over the summer months. Mr. Zarins reported on the up-coming Shrine Bowl and other events in the near future.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held 15 October 1993, Loyola Campus, AD-131 at 12 noon.

11. Termination

On a motion by Ms. Torbit, seconded by Mr. Ghaemi, the meeting was terminated.